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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of February 17, 2009 through February 22, 2009.

TUESDAY

02/17/2009

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Albert Christiansen will be present for morning responsibilities and shall author the week's minutes.

(2) **SCRATCHES**

Three rider changes made up scratch time completed at 9:00 a.m.

(3) **THE DRAW**

Ten races were drawn for Friday's program. Four Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races complete the program.

(4) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The sixth race in the book for three year olds and upward, claiming price \$2,500, going 300 yards, failed to fill.

WEDNESDAY

02/18/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Two rider changes completed scratch time at 9:00 a.m.

(2) **THE DRAW**

Eleven races were drawn for Saturday's program. One Arabian, four Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races complete the card.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT FOR SATURDAY**

The fourth race in the book for three year olds, claiming price \$8,000, going 330 yards, failed to fill.

THURSDAY

02/19/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

Four rider changes made up scratch time completed at 9:00 a.m.

(2) THE DRAW

Ten races were drawn for Sunday's program. One Arabian, one Thoroughbred and eight Quarter Horse races make up the card.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The third race in the book for fillies and mares, three year olds, claiming price \$5,000, going 300 yards, failed to fill.

(4) JOCKEY APPEARS

Jockey Ramon Sanchez, accompanied by trainer Paul Jones, appeared to review last Saturday's seventh race with the Stewards. At issue was the jockey stepping off his horse in the gate. After much discussion, the rider was advised that the starter is in charge at the gate.

(5) THIRD RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

After the finish of the third race (Thoroughbred – 4½ furlongs), the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review the start. Replays show # 3 “Candeye Lou” (jockey Maggie Carter) throw her head at the start and break extremely slow. Starter John Baker verified the incident. As the gate opened properly, the horse was declared a starter.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 687
Off Track Attendance: 1,919
Total: 2,606

On Track Handle: \$122,121
Off Track Handle: \$198,474
Out of State: \$475,243
Total: \$795,838

FRIDAY

02/20/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

There were no changes off the overnight at scratch time and it was completed at 9:00 a.m.

(2) JOCKEY REVIEWS

Jockey Jeff Jerman appeared to review last Saturday's fourth race with the Stewards. The rider was cautioned to make a better effort in maintaining a straight course.

(3) GOOD RACING

Ten races were completed without a reportable incident.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

3rd Race - # 7 Bank The Gold (Tr. James Davis III) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$119.00.

10th Race - # 8 Cherish Her (Tr. Charles Gonzlaez) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$2,085.00.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 1,251
Off Track Attendance: 3,082
Total: 4,333

On Track Handle: \$179,983
Off Track Handle: \$343,373
Out of State: \$712,025
Total: \$1,235,381

SATURDAY
02/21/2009

(1) THE DRAW

Eight races were drawn for next Thursday's program. Four Thoroughbred and four Quarter Horse races make up the card.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The seventh race in the book for three year olds and upward, claiming price \$8,000, going 330 yards, failed to fill.

(3) INFORMAL HEARING

An informal hearing was conducted today to address two complaints against owner Enrique Alejandro Garcia. Mr. Garcia is a licensed veterinarian in Mexico with a clinic in Jalisco. Present at the hearing were Mr. Garcia who appeared in person, waived his right to an attorney and notice of hearing, Senior Investigator Tom Blake who presented the cases, and California Horse Racing Board Licensing Tech Amador Villanueva who translated for Mr. Garcia.

The first case, from October 2007 involved a suitcase of injectable medications that Fed-Ex had mistakenly delivered to Los Alamitos. Mr. Garcia explained that the suitcase was his and had been missing for a year and a half. The testimony by Mr. Garcia in this complicated affair was believable to the Stewards.

The second case concerned a van-load of medications, racing equipment, and miscellaneous supplies. The veterinarian explained that he had purchased all this apparatus for his clinic in Mexico and the match races in Jalisco. Mr. Garcia stated he foolishly left the van in Los Alamitos' parking lot to attend a veterinary seminar in San Diego. At the conclusion of testimony, Mr. Garcia was told the Stewards would deliberate the case and reach a decision at a later time.

(4) GARCIA RULING (REFER 02/21/09 (03))

RULING # 31

OWNER ENRIQUE A. GARCIA IS HEREBY FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1890 (POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND - INJECTIBLE MEDICATIONS) ON DECEMBER 6, 2008.

This ruling was agreed upon after due deliberation. The Stewards were convinced that Mr. Garcia did not have any nefarious motives but was guilty of poor judgment. The fact that the contraband had no narcotics or needles and syringes was taken into account when reaching the decision.

(5) RAMIREZ RULING

RULING # 32

JOCKEY SAUL RAMIREZ, JR. IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR FAILURE TO FULFILL HIS RIDING ENGAGEMENT AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2009, A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT).

This ruling was issued after jockey Ramirez missed his first mount last night. The rider flew in to ride the Winter Derby and did not allow enough time for his first scheduled mount.

(6) RIDER REVIEWS RACE

Jockey Eduardo Nicasio appeared to review last night's eighth race with the Stewards. The rider was cautioned to not whip right-handed on a lugging in horse.

(7) FOURTH RACE – INQUIRY/ACCIDENT – NO CHANGE

After the finish of the fourth race (Thoroughbred – 4½ furlongs), the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review an accident turning for home. Replays show # 2 “Stern Wheeler” break his left front leg, stumble, and unseat jockey Gerardo Gavica as the horse falls. “Stern Wheeler” was racing in the clear, and no other horse was involved. Jockey Gavica was shaken but walked to the ambulance.

(8) FIFTH RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

After the finish of the fifth race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards), the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review an incident shortly after the start. Involved were the fourth place finisher # 4 “Ritas Fair” (jockey Alex Bautista) and the sixth place horse # 5 “Hennessey Venom” (jockey Ramon Sanchez). After talking with the riders involved and reviewing the replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to make no change in the order of finish. Replays show # 4 coming out shortly after the start, however, # 5 overreacts and ducks out, clipping heels with # 6 “Denali Special” (jockey Juan Andrade). Because # 5 contributes to the problem, no change was warranted.

(9) TENTH RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

After the finish of the tenth race (Los Alamitos Winter Championship – Grade I – 400 yards), the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review the incident approaching the wire. Involved were the third place finisher # 5 “First To Reach” (jockey Juan Andrade) and the sixth place finisher # 8 “Magic Show Czech” (jockey Ramon Sanchez). After talking with the riders involved and reviewing the replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify # 5 from third and place him sixth, behind # 8, for interference about fifty yards before the finish. Replays show # 5 steadily drift into the path of # 8, causing the latter to steady and lose the opportunity at a better placing.

Original Order of Finish: 3 – 10 – (5) – 9 – 1 – (8)

Official Order of Finish: 3 – 10 – 9 – 1 – (8) – (5)

(10) LATE DECLARATIONS

3rd Race - # 6 Doctor Robert (Tr. J. Flores) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$1,250.00.

6th Race - # 4 Chihuahua Star (Tr. A. Soto) no rider available, Stewards.
Refund: \$590.00.

(11) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,313	On Track Handle:	\$174,705
Off Track Attendance:	3,135	Off Track Handle:	\$397,061
Total:	4,448	Out of State:	<u>\$781,589</u>
		Total:	\$1,353,355

SUNDAY
02/22/2009

(1) ANDRADE RULINGRULING # 33

JOCKEY JUAN P. ANDRADE WHO RODE “FIRST TO REACH” IN THE TENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2009, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (MARCH 1st, 5TH, 6TH AND 7TH, 2009) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM THIRD TO SIXTH PLACE. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

This ruling was issued after jockey Andrade appeared along with his agent Saul Servin. Mr. Andrade got careless in that he fails to straighten his mount while continually drifting out. The rider had little to say in his defense.

(2) RIDER REVIEWS RACE

Jockey Carlos Bautista appeared to review last night's ninth race. The rider was cautioned to make a better effort in maintaining a straight course.

(3) NO PROBLEMS

Ten races were completed without a reportable incident.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race - # 3 Cryptoria Ridge (Tr. J. Davis III) no papers, Stewards.
Refund: \$222.00.

7th Race - # 1 Vegas Runaway (Tr. C. O'Dell) injured, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$870.00.

8th Race - # 6 Miss Scoot N Lock (Tr. B. Vickery) injured. Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$472.00.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 762
Off Track Attendance: 2,522
Total: 3,284

On Track Handle: \$134,896
Off Track Handle: \$326,668
Out of State: \$694,338
Total: \$1,155,902

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
02/20/2009	3	7	Bank The Gold	J. Davis III	Sick	Hackathorn	\$119
	10	8	Cherish Her	C. Gonzalez	Sick	Beck	\$2,085
02/21/2009	3	6	Doctor Robert	J. Flores	Sick	Hackathorn	\$1,250
02/22/2009	7	1	Vegas Runaway	C. O'Dell	Injured	Beck	\$870
	8	6	Miss Scoot N Lock	B. Vickery	Injured	Hackathorn	\$472

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on February 24, 2009.

Two equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period eight horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: two for soundness, two for injury, three for sickness and one for bleeding.

Ten horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and

removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Martin Hamilton.

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SUMMARY

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 02/19	FRI 02/20	SAT 02/21	SUN 02/22	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	1	0	1	5
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	1	4	4	2	11	88
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	1	0	1	10
INQUIRIES	D			1	0	3	0	4	20
REFUNDS		A		0	2	2	3	7	96
RULINGS			Y	0	0	2	1	3	33

Stewards' Attendance: Albert Christiansen, Will Meyers, and Martin Hamilton were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

Albert Christiansen (Steward)

Will Meyers (Steward)

Martin Hamilton (Steward)